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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks. This response is being filed concurrently with a petition for a one-month extension of time.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include new formal drawings.